

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of: Becker et al. | § |
| Serial No.: 10/674,979 | § Group Art Unit: 2155 |
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| Filed: September 30, 2003 | § Examiner: Lazaro, David R. |
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| For: Method and Apparatus for | § |
| Automatically Conducting Hardware | § |
| Inventories of Computers in a | § |
| Network | § |

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, Monica Gamez, being of sound mind and legal age, and fully aware of the punishable nature of making untrue statements as Affiant herein, do hereby attest to personal knowledge of the following:

I am employed by the law firm of Yee & Associates, P.C. (the "Firm"), as a Legal Assistant, in which capacity I personally receive all client related materials requiring further action and docketing on behalf of the Firm and IBM Corporation (the "Client").

On the mailing date of the Office Action in question, July 27, 2007, I was employed full time by the Firm and have no record of receipt of said Office Action. The Firm received a telephone call from the Examiner inquiring of the status of the response to the July 27, 2007 Office Action. At that time, I immediately contacted the Client to inform them of this situation and to ask if they had received a copy of the Office Action instead. They notified me that they had not received the Office Action.

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Sworn to and attested as follows at Dallas, Texas on Wednesday, February 20, 2008:

AFFIANT:

Monica Gamez
Monica Gamez

On this the 20th day of February, 2008, personally appeared before me Monica Gamez, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Louise Fay
Notary Public
My commission expires: Nov. 28/09

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